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1. [Greek Official-1] (IDEA FOR GERMAN STATIONS) AND [USG] MET EVENING

30 SEPT RE SPIEGEL STORY ON GREEK LEADERS WARTIME COLLABORATION WITH
GERMANS. [USG] BRIEFED [Greek Official-1] ON SPIEGEL SENSATIONALISM AND SUGGESTED
AVOID PANIC. ALSO POINTED OUT THAT TARGET OF STORY WAS GLOERKE. ADENAUER
AND GREEKS DRAGGED IN TO PROVIDE INTERNATIONAL COMPLICATIONS AND FORCE
MORE ATTENTION TO ATTACK ON GLOERKE.

2. WE OFFERED HELP [Greek Official-1] PROBE BEHIND STORY AND HE MOST GRATEFUL.
WOULD BE INESTIMABLY HELPFUL OUR LIAISON IF CAN PRODUCE. NOT SO INTERESTED
HISTORICAL DETAILS ON MERTEN AND MARBACH AS WHAT BEHIND SURFACING NOW OF
STORY OF WHICH SOME DETAILS FALSE AND NONE OF WHICH SUSCEPTIBLE OF PROOF.
[Greek Official-1] SEES IT AS PART CONCERTED PLOT AGAINST GREECE AND FIRST MOVE
IN CAMPAIGN UPSET HIS GOVT.

3. QUESTIONS ARE: WHO OR WHAT PERSUADED MERTEN DISCLOSE STORY
AT THIS TIME? DOES HE HAVE PHOTO MENTIONED IN STORY? WHAT IS HAMBURGER
ECHO INTEREST IN GREEK OCCUPATION STORY? WHY SPIEGEL AVID QUOTE
HAMBURGER ECHO? ARE THERE ANY TRACEABLE CONNECTIONS OF THOSE INVOLVED
TO GREEK OPPOSITION ELEMENTS PARTICULARLY COMMUNIST OR COMMUNIST FRONT?

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4. PRESUME GLOBKE ALSO INTERESTED PROBING STORY AND MAY AVAIL HIMSELF UPSWING. CAN GERMANY STATION OBTAIN INFO FROM GLOBKE OR UPSWING OR CAVATTA LIAISON? ALSO FROM INSIDE SOURCES SPIEGEL AND HAMBURGER ECHO OR DEBRIEFING WERTEN. DO COMMUNIST PARTY PENETRATIONS HAVE ANYTHING ON GREEK LINKS? CAN WE THROW LIGHT ON STANDARD GREEK SUSPICION THAT MACHIAVELLIAN SMOOTHER PLOT INVOLVED?

5. REALIZE NOT HIGH GERMANY OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BUT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT C 7 PRIORITY LIAISON INTERESTS.

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